



## Highway Median Weed Abatement Rolled Matting System

"In the past decade we've had several cross-median collisions (along I-5 north of Stockton). Basically it's a safety project so we can curtail some of those (cross-median) accidents."

- Greg Lawson, Caltrans (as seen on KCRA)

**Location:** Highway I-5 near Lodi, San Joaquin County, CA



*Vendor: U.S. Rubber*

**California waste tires diverted from landfills: 285,120**

**Overview:** Caltrans is taking action to protect Interstate 5 motorists by installing a Weed Abatement Rolled Matting System (WARMS) to prevent crossover accidents. Over the past decade several drivers have lost control of their vehicles and crossed the median to cause fatal head-on collisions in one section of highway I-5 near Lodi. To reduce the possibility of future crossover accidents in this area, Caltrans installed a 4.5-mile median barrier.

WARMS, manufactured using California recycled waste tires, is a key part of the installation process. The weed abatement rolled matting system helps the Caltrans workers to guide installation of the guard rail because they can spray paint marks evenly across the rolled